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114.3 CMR 43.00: Hospice Services

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Rate Update

Pursuant to Regulation 114.3 CMR 43.04, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has updated the hospice per diem and per hour rates for MassHealth hospice providers. Section 114.3 CMR 43.04(3) provides that when Medicare hospice rates change, MassHealth rates will change accordingly, and the Division of Health Care Finance will announce such changes in an Informational Bulletin.

Change to the Regulation

To coincide with the Medicare rate changes, the new Medicaid rates are effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

The expected fiscal impact for MassHealth for the effective period of these rates is \$104,158, based upon FY2008 spending of \$6,351,067 and an overall average increase of 1.64 %.

The revised hospice per diem or per hour rates by county are as follows:

Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$164.93 per diem	\$168.25 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 40.07 per hour	\$ 40.88 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$173.64 per diem	\$177.16 per diem
General Inpatient	\$725.21 per diem	\$741.04 per diem

Middlesex	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$159.01 per diem	\$159.84 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 38.63 per hour	\$ 38.83 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$168.56 per diem	\$169.95 per diem
General Inpatient	\$700.70 per diem	\$705.80 per diem

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Routine Home Care	\$153.21 per diem	\$156.33 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 37.23 per hour	\$ 37.98 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$163.60 per diem	\$166.94 per diem
General Inpatient	\$676.70 per diem	\$691.11 per diem

Bristol	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$152.43 per diem	\$155.79 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 37.04 per hour	\$ 37.85 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$162.93 per diem	\$166.48 per diem
General Inpatient	\$673.48 per diem	\$688.88 per diem

Berkshire and Pittsfield	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$147.47 per diem	\$153.19 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 35.83 per hour	\$ 37.22 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$158.68 per diem	\$164.25 per diem
General Inpatient	\$652.95 per diem	\$677.97 per diem

Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$150.29 per diem	\$152.77 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 36.52 per hour	\$ 37.12 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$161.10 per diem	\$163.89 per diem
General Inpatient	\$664.63 per diem	\$676.20 per diem

Worcester	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$159.75 per diem	\$157.24 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 38.81 per hour	\$ 38.20 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$169.20 per diem	\$167.72 per diem
General Inpatient	\$703.77 per diem	\$694.93 per diem

Rural Mass (Dukes, Nantucket)	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$162.85 per diem	\$165.90 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 39.57 per hour	\$ 40.31 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$171.86 per diem	\$175.14 per diem
General Inpatient	\$716.60 per diem	\$731.20 per diem

Barnstable	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$173.26 per diem	\$176.00 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 42.10 per hour	\$ 42.76 per hour
Inpatient Respite	\$180.77 per diem	\$183.79 per diem
General Inpatient	\$759.68 per diem	\$773.47 per diem